SAFE SPACES: AT-HOME FUELING



Gain a better understanding of how to prevent the spread of germs when eating at home.

FOOD SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

- Shop safely—bags on the floor, not the counters
- Clean and disinfect counters
- Clean produce with cold running water and dry well
- Avoid letting foods sit out for more than 2 hours (under 1 hour if outside temperature is 90+ degrees F)
- Store foods at the proper temperature—hot foods hot, cold foods cold
- Maintain proper thermometer settings in the refrigerator/freezer
 - Refrigerator: 33-40 degrees F
 - Freezer: ≤0 degrees F
- Reheat leftovers to 165 degrees F
- Avoid sharing utensils during family-style meals—everyone needs to use their own utensil to serve themselves
- Wash hands before, during and after preparing food

TAKEOUT/DELIVERY CONSIDERATIONS

- Consider ordering online or through a food delivery app
- Ask for contact-free/"contactless" delivery
- · Research options with curbside pickup
- **Leave** the tip online or place any cash tip in an envelope and do not directly hand it to the delivery person
- Bring your own pen in case you need to sign a receipt
- Sanitize your hands in your car after picking up the food
- Avoid placing takeout bags or containers directly on your counters, and instead, take them out of the bag and put them on paper towels or napkins
- Wash your hands and sanitize surfaces right away
- **Discard** any to-go bags and put the food on your own plate, then dispose of the containers and wash your hands
- **Use** your own napkins and utensils
- Avoid storing any extra food in restaurant-provided containers, and instead, transfer to your own containers

COMMON FOODBORNE GERMS

- Norovirus
- Salmonella
- · Clostridium Perfringens
- Campylobacter
- Staphylococcus Aureus

NOTE: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 48 million people get sick yearly from foodborne illnesses.

HOW DO FOODBORNE GERMS SPREAD?

- · Poor hand washing
- · Insufficient heating of food
- Improper refrigerator or freezer temperature setting for food storage which allows bacteria to grow
- Improper cleaning of surfaces used to prepare foods